

from the viewpoint of the practitioner facing the clinical problem. Presenting problems are discussed, rather than categorised psychiatric disorders. A particular strength of the book is the emphasis given to the doctor's own reactions and feelings when faced with difficult emotional problems.

This reviewer finds a number of points of disagreement but this is inevitable in this subject. For example the authors seem rather over-sold on the value of some drugs and over-alarmist about the risk of death and need for immediate in-patient treatment in anorexia nervosa.

A further criticism is the ambitious (but unsuccessful) aim to cover child and adolescent psychiatry in 19 pages. However, useful chapters are included on the particular problems of sex and marriage, old age, emergencies and suicidal behaviour.

This book is recommended for general practitioners and clinicians in other non-psychiatric fields, for whom it will give more useful guidance than most short text-books.

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PHARMACOLOGY. By R. G. Penn. Second edition. (Pp. 328+figures 14. £2.50). London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cassell. 1974.

THIS brief text is presumably written for medical students in those medical schools where the teaching of pharmacology is still kept entirely separate from clinical reality. It is a lucidly written book well illustrated by simple graphs and diagrams. It is unfortunate that many of the illustrative examples of drug action chosen have no clinical relevance and that the notes on the therapeutic aspects of most drugs described bear little resemblance to current practice.

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THE JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN MENTAL SUB-NORMALITY. Volume 1. No. 1. October 1974. (Twice yearly. £3.00 private individuals, £6.00 libraries and institutions). Muckamore, Co. Antrim; Department of Psychology, Muckamore Abbey. 1974.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome this new journal produced and printed in Ulster and edited by Donald MacKay, Ruth Elliott and Gerry McDonald of the Department of Psychology, Muckamore Abbey Hospital. This issue contains articles from the active unit at Muckamore Abbey and will doubtless stimulate contributions from further afield. The articles are necessarily of a somewhat specialised interest but one by MacKay, McCoy and Mulligan on the possible connection between long-term emigration and subnormality must be of general interest and concern.

The journal shows careful editing and proof reading, and especially we in Ulster will look forward to its continued success and will wish it well and an honoured place in the future.